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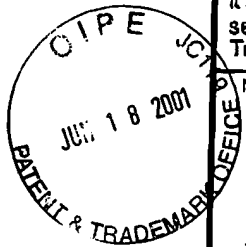
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Dear Sir:

Please permit Thomas F. Peterson, Richard J. Streit, W. Dennis Drehkoff, Donald P. Reynolds, and Vangelis Economou of the firm Ladas & Parry of Chicago, Illinois to have access to the file of the United States continuation in part application:

U.S. Serial No.: 09/818,161

Filed: March 27, 2001

Inventor(s): J.M. Salem, et. al.

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Brett A. Schmal
Attorney for Applicant

Date: May 8, 2001